# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
# LOK SABHA

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POPULARISATION OF AYURVEDIC SYSTEM
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

(a) the steps taken by the Government for popularization of Ayurvedic system of medicine in the country;

(b) if so, incentive provided to the Ayurvedic medicine producers in the country; and

(c) the details of Ayurvedic medicine purchased by the Government viz-a-viz the allopathic medicines during each of the last three years?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) In order to develop and propagate, the Indian Systems of Medicine & Homoeopathy includingAyurvedic system, the Government in 1995 established an independent Department of ISM&H in the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.The Department of ISM&H has already implemented schemes for the development & cultivation of medicinal plants, preparation of agro-techniques, upgradation of undergraduate/postgraduate institutions, standardisation of drugs, encouraging intra-mural & extra mural research and dissemination of information through information, education and communication (IEC).

(b) Availability of good quality raw materials in adequate quantity would be facilitated after the Medicinal Plants Board becomes functional. Laboratory facilities are sought to be expanded to help industry to get their products tested and analysed which will enhance the acceptability and credibility of their products. The Industry has been facilitated to participate ininternational events which will help them create a market for their products. Labelling provisions under the Drugs & Cosmetics Act, 1940 have been relaxed as per the requirement of importing countries.

(c) The detail of Ayurvedic and allopathic medicines procured by CGHS, Delhi during each of the last three years is as under :

| YEAR | ALLOPATHIC | AYURVEDIC |
|---|---|---|
| (in Rs.) | | |
| 1997-98 | 39,45,73,476.00 | 1,70,00,000.00 |
| 1998-99 | 41,37,40,813.00 | 1,99,03,536.00 |
| 1999-00 | 49,28,88,754.00 | 1,75,66,420.00 |